GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2684
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
FAMILY COURTS
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family courts in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of cases disposed by these courts annually, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up more family courts in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) Total number of Family Courts set up in the country is 100. A statement indicating the number of Family Courts, State-wise, is enclosed at Annexe-I.

(b) As per available information, a statement regarding number of cases disposed of by the Family Courts annually, State-wise is enclosed at Annexe-II.

(c) to (e) As per Section 3(1)(a) of the Family Courts Act, the State Government after consultation with the respective High Court shall establish Family Courts in cities or towns whose population exceeds one million. The States may also establish Family Courts for such other areas in the State, as they may deem necessary. The Department of Justice has been periodically urging various State Governments/UTs to set up as many Family Courts as required for speedy disposal of family disputes.

The Central Government has decided to encourage setting up of additional 34 Family Courts during the year 2002-2003 by providing 50% matching recurring and non- recurring grant. So far, grant for setting up of additional 20 Family Courts has been released to the various States during the year 2002-2003.

Annexe-II

Statement in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2684 for 5th December, 2002

Name of the State	Disposal			
	1999	2000	2001	2002#
Andhra Pradesh	3937	3728	4242	N.A.
Assam	617	530	840	415(30.6)
Bihar	319	174	253	(30. 6) N.A.
Gujarat	-	6548	5933	3381(30.9)
J & K	440	516	178(30.6)	N.A.
Jharkhand	668	469	54	(30.6.) N.A.
Karnataka	5218	5288	6463	1799 (31.3)
Kerala	11224	12593	11537	N.A.
Maharashtra	13767	13994	14673	7369(30.6.)
Manipur	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Orissa	1352	2284	1490	811(30.6.)
Rajasthan	5299	4790(30.9)	N.A.	N.A.
Sikkim	94	213	250	53 (30.6.)
Tamil Nadu	6004	5249	4905	3501(30.9.)
Uttar Pradesh	24503	19803	18885	10244 (30.6)
Uttaranchal	973	588	364	857 (30.9.)

West Bengal 395 512 484 N.A.
Pondicherry 449 495 409 425 (30.6.)

Total 75259 77774 70960 28855

as per available information

Annexe-I

Statement in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2684 for 5.12.2002.

State-wise break-up of the Family Courts:

Sl. No. Name of the State No. of Family Courts

1 Andhra Pradesh 7

2. Assam 1

3. Bihar 3

4. Gujarat 4

5. Jharkhand 4
6. Jammu & Kashmir 1
7 Karnataka 10

8. Kerala 9

9. Madhya Pradesh 7
10. Maharashtra 16
11. Manipur 1
12. Orissa 2
13 Rajasthan 6
14. Sikkim 1
15. Tamil Nadu 6
16. Utttar Pradesh 14
17. Uttaranchal 5
18. West Bengal 2
19. Pondicherry 1

Total 100